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THE YOUNG TRANSATLANTIC INNOVATION LEADERS INITIATIVE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM



The Young Transatlantic Innovation Leaders Initiative (YTILI) is the U.S. Department of State's flagship program for emerging entrepreneurs from Europe. In 2022, a cohort of young European entrepreneurs from 45 European countries will participate in this exciting fellowship program.

Since its launch in 2016, the YTILI Fellowship Program has empowered approximately 300 alumni from across Europe to bolster their business skills and transatlantic partnerships. YTILI uses entrepreneurship as a tool for economic empowerment to promote mutual understanding, enhance business and leadership skills, and build lasting partnerships between business leaders from Europe and the United States.

The YTILI Fellowship Program will engage young European entrepreneurs in a series of professional development and leadership activities that are designed to strengthen the transatlantic relationship, develop sustainable partnerships between U.S. and European entrepreneurs, and enhance the European innovation ecosystems. The Fellowship includes an online and in-person entrepreneurship curriculum, a fellowship with a business or organization in one of nine U.S. cities, opening and closing conferences in Chicago and Washington, D.C., and the opportunity to participate in a Reciprocal Exchange in Europe.

Please note that if safe travel is not possible at the time of the YTILI Fellowship, this program will be conducted virtually.

KEY DATES

February 1, 2022 – March 15, 2022: Application open

July 21, August 18, and September 15, 2022: Virtual Entrepreneurship Curriculum begins

October 4, 2022 - November 9, 2022: U.S. Experience, including a four-week U.S. fellowship and opening and closing conferences

January 2022 - February 2022: Virtual Entrepreneurship Curriculum continues

March 2023: European Reciprocal Exchange

U.S. EXPERIENCE

YTILI Fellows will experience entrepreneurship in action in one of nine U.S. cities through a fellowship experience. Each Fellow will work with a U.S. host organization from his or her business sector. Through collaboration with their fellowship host organization, Fellows will accelerate their commercial and social ventures' success by developing action plans to carry out upon their return to their home communities.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP CURRICULUM

The two-part Entrepreneurship Curriculum will provide YTILI Fellows the opportunity to connect their entrepreneurial knowledge and their leadership mindset through both virtual and in-person components. Designed by WorldChicago, DePaul University (Chicago, IL) and GEA College (Ljubljana, Slovenia), the entrepreneurship curriculum will include a series of synchronous and asynchronous seminars and workshops before, during, and after the U.S. Fellowship to give practical insight for a growing business or organization.

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

Fellows will be eligible to invite a U.S. placement host from the fellowship placement to implement a Reciprocal Exchange Project in the Fellow's home community. WorldChicago will make small grants available to Fellows, now YTILI alumni, to promote the expansion of entrepreneurship throughout Europe.

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